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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, RH, ZA  
SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY INTO CHITEPO ASSASSINATION  
FORMED.

REF: LUSAKA 0569 (NOTAL)

1. ZAMBIA CHIEF JUSTICE SWORE IN JULY 1 FIRST EIGHT OF 15-MEMBER  
SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO MARCH 18 ASSASSINATION OF FORMER  
ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION LEADER HERBERT CHITEPO.  
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COMMISSION, TO BE HEADED BY REUBEN KAMANGA, MEMBER OF CENTRAL

COMMITTEE OF ZAMBIA'S RULING UNITED NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY AND CHAIRMAN OF ITS SUBCOMMITTEE ON POLITICAL CONSTITUTIONAL, LEGAL, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ALSO INCLUDES CHONA. THERE WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM OAU AND THIRTEEN OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES: BOTSWANA, LIBYA, MALAGASY, MOROCCO, SIERRA LEONE, TANZANIA, ZAIRE, MALAWI, CONGO, IVORY COAST, MOZAMBIQUE, RWANDA, AND SOMALIA.

2. COMMISSION S TASK IS TO INVESTIGATE AND ESTABLISH FACTS SURROUNDING BLAST WHICH KILLED CHITEPO AND TWO OTHERS AT HIS LUSAKA HOME, INCLUDING IDENTITY AND MOTIVE OF HIS SLAYERS. COMMISSION ALSO TO RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PROVIDE FOR SECURITY OF PERSONS "ENGAGED IN ANY POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AIMED AT INDEPENDENCE OF PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN AFRICA STILL UNDER COLONIAL OR MINORITY RULE." CHAIRMAN WITH FIVE OTHER COMMISSIONERS WILL CONSTITUTE QUORUM. COMMISSION MAY MEET IN LUSAKA OR ANYWHERE INSIDE OR OUTSIDE ZAMBIA AS DEEMED NECESSARY. FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION WAS ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON MARCH 30 (REFTEL) BUT THIS IS FIRST INFORMATION REGARDING ITS ACTIVITIES PUBLISHED SINCE THAT DATE.

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